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1. UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY REMAINS ON A
PLATEAU OF AROUND 5.3 PER CENT (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED),
WHERE IT HAS HOVERED FOR ALMOST A YEAR. ACCORDING TO THE
EC COMMISSION'S MONTHLY REPORT ON PERSONS REGISTERED AS
JOBLESS, THERE WERE 5.2 MILLION UNEMPLOYED MEN AND WOMEN
IN THE COMMUNITY IN MAY 1977, A DROP OF 210,000 FROM THE
PREVIOUS MONTH BUT AN INCREASE OF 370,000 FROM A YEAR
EARLIER.

2. OVER THE TWELVE-MONTH PERIOD MALE EMPLOYMENT REMAINED
ALMOST STABLE, INCREASING BY ABOUT TWO PER CENT, BUT
FEMALE UNEMPLOYMENT INCREASED BY 16 PER CENT.

3. BREAKOUTS BY SEX OF THE GLOBAL FIGURES, NOT SEASONALLY
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ADJUSTED, ARE:

REGISTERED UNEMPLOYED
(000S OMITTED)

MAY 1977 MAY 1976

MALE	3,094	3,023
FEMALE	2,130	1,830
TOTAL	5,224	4,853

4. THE COMMUNITY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (SEASONALLY UNADJUSTED)
FOR MAY 1977 WAS 5.0 PER CENT, COMPARED TO 4.6 PER CENT
A YEAR EARLIER. BREAKOUTS BY COUNTRY:

	MAY 1977	MAY 1976
BELGIUM	7.0	6.0
DENMARK	5.5	4.1
FRANCE	4.5	3.9
LANY	3.7	3.7
HOLLAND	3.8	4.0
IRELAND	9.6	9.7
ITALY	6.5	5.9
LUXEMBOURG	0.4	0.3
UNITED KINGDOM	5.3	5.0

5. THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE OF APPROXI-
MATELY 5.3 PER CENT OVER THE PAST YEAR IS SHOWN ON A
TREND CHART ACCOMPANYING THE EC REPORT.MORRIS

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